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The CECCM Pesticide Sub-Committee met in Geneva on June 18 in order to discuss the tabled draft position paper written by Shook, Hardy & Bacon. We focused on the philosophy (and format) of the paper since we had decided within the CECCM Scientific Group that we would aim for an Industry Voluntary Agreement instead of an EC directive.

I have attached the minutes of our meeting which are intended to briefly outline the key problem areas. Point number 2 under "Results" is, of course, the most troublesome as we did not reach a consensus. RJR and Rothmans continue to argue for application on raw leaf while PM, BAT, Gallaher and ITL support the finished product approach. Point number 8 is a new twist. It is intended to cover a broader category of crop protection agents which would be necessary for a Voluntary Agreement. Two of our Agronomy members have consented to place all tobacco pesticides under one of the five categories.

Jean-Bernard Boder and I would like to call you this afternoon about 10.00 am your time to discuss these and other issues in greater detail.

Best regards.

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